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## **Senator Brown Announces Full Committee Assignments** *Legislator tapped as chair of Agriculture and State Police/Military and Veterans Affairs, named to Technology and Energy Committee and Republican Policy Committee*

(LANSING) – Senate Majority Leader Ken Sikkema, R-Wyoming, has selected Senator Cameron S. Brown, R-Fawn River Township, to serve as vice-chair of the Senate Republican Policy Committee, and to serve as a member of the Senate Committee on Technology and Energy for the upcoming legislative session. Brown has also been named to chair the Appropriations subcommittees on Agriculture, and State Police/ Military and Veterans Affairs.

Other Appropriations assignments include vice-chair of the Judiciary/Corrections subcommittee and appointment to the K-12/School Aid/Department of Education subcommittee.

"It is a rare privilege to serve in these important positions," Brown said. "We have enormous challenges ahead of us and that means we have an enormous opportunity to make a positive difference in the lives of the people of this state."

Earlier this year, Senator Brown announced his appointment to the powerful Senate Appropriations Committee. With his subcommittee appointments, Brown will oversee budgeting for four of the state's most important departments.

"As chair of the Agriculture subcommittee, I will fight to make sure that Michigan's hard working farmers are given the tools they need to prosper our state's second largest industry," Brown said.

As a member of the Technology and Energy Committee, Brown will be responsible for legislation regarding utilities, including electric, natural gas and telephone services, and emerging technologies, including broadband and e-business.

"This important committee will be decisive in determining Michigan's competitive advantage over other states," Brown said. "We need to ensure that our state is ready to meet the challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> century."

As vice-chair of the Senate Republican Policy Committee, Brown will work as a leader within the Republican Caucus to develop an agenda for this legislative session in all areas of public policy, including jobs and the economy, education and health care.

"Cameron Brown has proven his ability to work on a bipartisan level, and his experience in the House of Representatives makes him highly qualified to sit on these important committees," Sikkema said. "Senator Brown will play an important role in developing the Senate's agenda as well as moving Michigan's technology and energy policies forward."

Brown serves the residents of the 16<sup>th</sup> Senate District, which includes all of Branch, Hillsdale, Lenawee and St. Joseph counties.

Senate committees are expected to begin organizational meetings Tuesday, Jan. 14.

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